From: Michel Selva
To: Mayor
Subject: the Hewlett Packard boycott resolution
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:44:21 AM

Mayor McGovern —

I understand that the City Council is considering a resolution endorsing a boycott of Hewlett Packard (HP) in response to the fact that HP is doing business with the state of Israel. As a long-term Cambridge resident, small business owner, and professional colleague, **I strongly urge you to vote NO on this resolution**.

1. **Endorsing this boycott is not in the interests of the City of Cambridge**. In fact, it reflects badly on our city if the Council takes sides in a complex issue such as this. It also reflects badly on the Council when it devotes time & energy to extraneous issues. Cambridge is a great place to live & raise a family, and I would like the Council to focus on enhancing the quality of life here.
2. **The boycott is not in the long term interests of the Palestinian people**. It is not the state of Israel which is holding them back; it is their own corrupt and short-sighted leadership. Israel is the economic powerhouse of the middle East, and its success has brought prosperity to all of its citizens, including Palestinians.
3. **The boycott does not support human rights**. In fact, it denigrates the one country in the Middle East that has done the most to protect the rights of women, gay people, Muslims, Christians, and other groups.

If your schedule permits, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with you, either in person or on the phone.

Thank you.


```
=====================================================
Michel Selva, PsyD              |  617-605-7429
One Mifflin Place, Suite 260    |  mgaselva@gmail.com
Cambridge, MA  02138            |  http://bit.ly/mselva
=====================================================
```